

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1995-1207-E - ORDER NO. 2008-501

JULY 15, 2008

IN RE: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC) ORDER APPROVING
for Remote Meter Reading and Usage Data) MODIFICATION
Service.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke or the Company) for approval of Duke's revised Remote Metering and Usage Data Service Schedule and Service Agreement. According to Duke, the Schedule and Agreement are being revised to expand the availability of the program to include smaller, single-phase customers and will significantly reduce the cost to the customer by using lower-cost communication technology and a lower-cost, internet-based means of providing usage data.

Under the proposed modification to the program, the cost for remote metering would remain at \$25.00. Additionally, the Company would provide a communication line for \$20.00 per month. The Company has represented that customers currently provide their own communication lines at an estimated cost of \$50.00 per month.

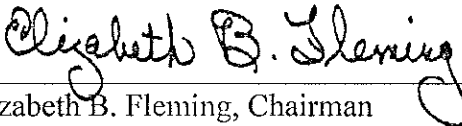
The Company's usage data services will also change under the proposed modification to the program. Under the modified usage data services plan, customers who want monthly data would pay \$45 per meter per month (i.e., for the remote metering and communication line charges), plus \$5 per month per meter for data. Customers who want next-business-day data would pay \$45 per meter per month for the meter and

communication line, plus \$10 per month per meter for data. The Company has represented that this also constitutes a net savings for the customers requiring these services. Real-time data will also be available under the modified plan.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has informed the Commission that it has no objection to the adoption of the proposed changes. We have examined the proposed modification as well and hold that it should be approved as filed.


This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:



Charles L.A. Terreni, Chief Clerk/Administrator

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